

KIWANIS

WISCONSIN-UPPER MICHIGAN KIWANIS DISTRICT

APRIL/MAY 2023



Downtown Green Bay Kiwanis Club members celebrated St. Patrick's Day by making leprechaun traps with Nicolet School third-grade students. Kiwanis Club members Ann Patteson and Pat Olejniczak help the students display the completed traps.

GREEN BAY KIWANIANS MAKE LEPRECHAUN TRAPS WITH 3RD GRADERS

Submitted by Richard Satterlee, Downtown Green Bay Kiwanis Club

On St. Patrick's Day, members of the Downtown Green Bay Kiwanis Club visited Green Bay's Nicolet Elementary School to help 50 third-grade students construct leprechaun traps. The students were given green boxes and craft and household items to attach to them. Member Anne Van Ess, who coordinated the special event for the club, told the students that leprechauns are attracted to shamrocks, rainbows, flowers and shiny things and that they'll look for an opening in the box and go inside hoping to find gold coins.

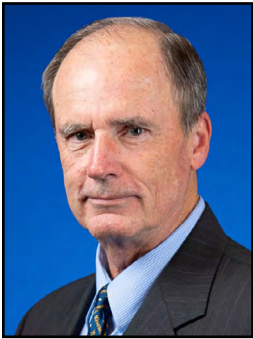
It was a fun afternoon for the kids, teachers and Kiwanis members who look forward to finding out if any leprechauns were successfully trapped when we they see the students again in May at the NEW Zoo in Suamico.

Shown at right, a third-grade student decorates his leprechaun trap.



GOVERNOR BILL ATTENDS 2023 WUM CIRCLE K DISTRICT CONVENTION

Submitted by William "Bill" Abbott, 2022-2023 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor



Bill Abbott

During the last weekend of February, members of Circle K came together in Green Bay at the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Circle K District convention. This was the first in-person convention since the pandemic shut things down in 2020.

I, along with several other Kiwanis members, attended the convention and we had a fantastic time! These young adults reminded me how to have fun at another level. They did not let the grass grow under the feet of anyone in attendance, myself included. We were busy all weekend which caused me to need an extra day of rest after I got home!

Circle K members collected 127 boxes of cereal to donate to the UW-Green Bay Campus Cupboard food pantry. Each semester approximately 300 students receive monthly services at the Campus Cupboard and cereal is one of the most popular items. Can you think of anything better than performing a service for others while having fun? I can't!

They also were collecting money for "Build a Brick." The goal of this program is to convert recycled plastic into building bricks that are used in construction. These recycled bricks are being used in Africa to build schools for students (mostly young girls) who otherwise would not receive an education.

Circle K members implemented a unique way to contribute to this program. They decorated a number of bricks with people's names that were altered slightly to create a pun of sorts. You could then buy a ticket for \$1 and vote for your favorite brick. Surprisingly, the brick with my caricature, called "Bill AB-Brick", was the top vote-getter – and I was given the brick!

The convention featured scheduled classes designed for CKI members along with service projects, including:

- Plarning (turning plastic bags into yarn) to donate to a group in Waukesha, "Ascension Planners," who take Plarn balls made by the students and weave them into mats for local homeless men and women.
- No-sew blankets were made to donate along with the Plarn, so each individual receives a mat and a blanket!

One of the highlights was when 1991-1992 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor Dale Vannes gave the keynote address during the Saturday evening dinner. The theme of the address was family and unity.



Past District Governor Dale Vannes related during his keynote address that his involvement with Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs made him feel so young that it had reversed the aging process and made his hair grow back to the style he wore in the early 1990s!

Dale emphasized that the Kiwanis organization as a whole is a large family which cares about each other and the service that we do around the world. The young adults in attendance seemed to appreciate the message, and I truly believe it impressed upon them some of the underlying benefits of belonging to Kiwanis and its service leadership programs.

If it is at all possible, consider attending the Circle K convention next year. It was a blast!

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GOVERNOR-ELECT HIGHLIGHTS FIVE MORE LEADERSHIP OBJECTIVES

Submitted by Timothy Lubinsky, 2022-2023 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect



Tim Lubinsky

My article in the past two *Kiwanews* issues focused on ten objectives of club leadership. In the February/March 2023 edition, I presented the first five objectives and I will now elaborate on the last five objectives of club leadership.

6) Be Aware of Proper Financing for Your Club

- a. Set a budget for administrative and service activities.
- b. Estimate revenues and expenditures for administrative and service accounts.
- c. Budgeting allows you to determine what you need to do in terms of fundraisers and what you'll be able to do in terms of service.

7) Foster Leadership Development

- a. Allow members to gain experience through chairing committees.
- b. Team current/veteran chairpersons with new members who are potential leaders.
- c. Nurture future leaders and portray the offices of president and secretary as positive experiences.
- d. Does your club have a progression of steps to the office of president?
- e. Does your club place too many "retreads" in the office of president?

8) Include the Kiwanis Family

- a. Plan/do fun things such as a mini-golf tournament, bowling, volley ball, or a family picnic.
- b. Share service projects.
- c. Schedule interclub visits and make them fun.
- d. Include the president of your club's sponsored leadership programs as *ex-officio* members of your club's board of directors.

9) Utilize Public Relations (PR)

- a. Internal Public Relations – Keep your members informed with a club bulletin and encourage

members to read the *Kiwanis Magazine* and the *Kiwanews*. Make meetings fun with a spot quiz!

- b. External Public Relations – Spread news about the fantastic things your club is doing for your community. Promote fundraisers in the newspaper. Good PR helps your club because the community will be more receptive to your fundraising efforts when they see the great things being done with the money. It also helps your club because potential members will be more receptive to joining.
- c. Troubles getting the media to be receptive? Host an annual Media Appreciation Day as a club program.



10) Follow Up with Club Evaluation

- a. Continually assess how your club is doing throughout the year.
- b. Ensure that a club monthly report is copied, distributed and reviewed at monthly board meetings.
- c. Are you moving toward achieving service and membership goals. Have you set any? If not, why?
- d. Be aware of club strengths and accentuate them.
- e. Be aware of club weaknesses. Bring them to the attention of the club board to develop ways to eliminate them.

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR AUGUST 25-27 WI-UM KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION

Submitted by Justin Hahn, Executive Director

The theme of this year's Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District convention is "Blast from the Past: Creating Memories for the Kiddos." The August 25th – 27th event will be held at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin.

Plan to gather for an unforgettable weekend filled with Kiwanis fun, education, celebrations, fundraising and conducting district business. Online registration is live at www.wiumkiwanis.org/district_convention. You will also find links for hotel reservations and WI-UM District shirts.



KIWANIS CLUBS MAKE PROGRESS ON 2022-2023 DISTRICT GOALS

Submitted by Justin Hahn, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director

14 COUNCIL MEETINGS (1 per division)			
1 held	7.14%	\$8,000 FOR GOVERNOR'S PROJECT	
		\$5,882 remitted to date	73.53%
5 NEW CLUBS		14 NEW SLPS (SPONSORED LEADERSHIP)	
No new clubs, 2 in motion	0%	2 New Key Clubs and 3 New K-Kids	35.71%
200 NET GAIN IN MEMBERS		100% CLUBS AT CHARTER STRENGTH	
+48 net gain	24%	95 of 127 at or above charter strength.	74.80%

GOVERNOR'S PROJECT WILL BENEFIT WAWBEEK AND BAY CLIFF CAMPS

Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek: Raise \$4,000 to install water stations for refilling water bottles.

At Camp Wawbeek, campers of all ages and abilities can challenge themselves, set goals and accomplish them. Camp services are designed to help campers of all ages and abilities live independently, become self-sufficient and enjoy life more fully.



Bay Cliff Health Camp: Raise \$4,000 for to help cover operating expenses.

Bay Cliff is a year-round, nonprofit therapy and wellness center for children and adults living with disabilities. Bay Cliff's flagship program is a seven-week summer therapy camp session serving children with disabilities. The children work towards goals of increased independence and living a fuller life. Bay Cliff also provides an adult program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, an adaptive paddling workshop and weekend family camps.

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION AWARDS ARE DUE MAY 15TH

Submitted by Justin Hahn, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director

Accomplishments of our clubs and members are celebrated with the presentation of awards. To be recognized for awards presented at the WI-UM district convention, clubs must submit applications by May 15th.

The Bill Solberg Distinguished Service Medal and the Outstanding Club Fundraiser Award are presented at the district convention. The Solberg Service Medal honors a Kiwanian who has actively served in Kiwanis for at least

10 years on the district level and in their club as well as in their community outside of Kiwanis. This award is presented by the Past Governors. The Outstanding Club Fundraiser Award recognizes a Kiwanis club's dedication and effort in having produced the most outstanding fundraiser during the year.

Applications for both awards can be found on our district website at wiumkiwanis.org > *resources* > *district awards*.

HILMAR L. "BILL" SOLBERG DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

- ✓ Recipient must have actively served in Kiwanis for a period of not less than ten years.
- ✓ Recipient must have served in the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District at least as a Lt. Governor or District Chairperson.
- ✓ Recipient must have actively participated outside of Kiwanis in other worthy community, lodge or civic endeavors.
- ✓ Recipient must be nominated by a Kiwanis club's Board of Directors, which is currently in good standing with the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District and Kiwanis International.
- ✓ Recipient's club must submit evidential material in support of their recommendation
- ✓ Nominee may be living or deceased.

OUTSTANDING CLUB FUNDRAISER AWARD

A great fundraiser can keep a club financially responsible or provide a meaningful contribution to another organization or cause. The Outstanding Club Fundraiser Award recognizes a Kiwanis club's dedication and effort in having produced the most outstanding fundraiser during the year.

Statistics Requested

- ✓ Fundraising project and date held.
- ✓ Charitable organization benefited.
- ✓ Amount raised/amount raised per member.
- ✓ Hours spent planning/organizing the event.
- ✓ Attendance information.
- ✓ Why the fundraiser was necessary.
- ✓ How the fundraiser was promoted.
- ✓ How the community was impacted.

OFFICIAL CALL: 2023 WI-UM KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION • MADISON MARRIOTT WEST • AUGUST 25–27

Article VI, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District of Kiwanis International requires the Executive Director to notify each charter club an official call to the Annual Convention at least sixty days prior to the date of the same.

Your attention is invited to District Bylaw Article 13 Section 1 regarding bylaw amendments to be considered by the House of Delegates at the Annual Convention.

"Proposed amendments, which shall be submitted only by a club in good standing or by the District Board of Trustees, shall be received by the Executive Director at least sixty days prior to the date of the convention. The Executive Director shall send a copy of all proposed amendments to the secretary of each chartered club not less than thirty days prior to the date of the convention." Therefore, any proposed amendments must be post-marked to the district office by Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

"CREATING MEMORIES FOR THE KIDDOS"



**Registration
Info:**



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AUG. 25-27

Madison Marriott West
Middleton, WI

**Pre-Order
District Shirts**



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DUES REDUCED FOR FORMER SPONSORED YOUTH AND MILITARY VETS

Submitted by Jean Long Manteufel, Past District Governor

Did you know that Kiwanis offers special dues pricing for some very special potential members?

KEY CLUB® Alumni CKI® Alumni

Past Key Club/Circle K

From our WI-UM Kiwanis District:

If a club recruits a graduated Circle K or Key Club member, our Kiwanis district will suspend the member's district dues for up to four years. The club must submit a request to the district and renew it each year.

From Kiwanis International:

If a new member is an alumnus of a Service Leadership Program, the club should not charge that member for Kiwanis International dues for two years after joining their first club. They are still required to pay for the insurance

and magazine fees. If the new member is reported properly when added to the club roster by the club secretary, this two-year waiver will automatically appear on the club invoice. Please contact memberservices@kiwanis.org if the credit isn't showing properly on the club invoice.



Armed Forces Veteran

From our WI-UM Kiwanis District:

If a club recruits a veteran of the United States armed forces who has been honorably discharged within the five years immediately preceding the veteran's application for membership, the district will suspend the member's district dues for up to two years. The club must submit a request to the district and renew it each year.

KDF APPROVES \$21,000 IN CLUB GRANTS & MATCHING SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Mark Finger, WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation Secretary/Treasurer

The WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation approved the following grants at the April Board of Directors meeting:

General Grants (\$11,000 total)

- Alger County – \$1,000 for playground at William G. Mather Elementary School in Munising, Michigan.
- New Holstein – \$3,000 to replace service club information signs on the highway.
- Reedsburg – \$1,000 for a commercial refrigerator for "The Den" Food Pantry at Reedsburg High School.
- Ripon Early Birds – \$3,000 for Riggs County Park accessible playground.
- Ripon Noon – \$3,000 for an all-inclusive playground.

Matching Scholarships (\$10,000 total)

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| • Alger County | • Manitowoc |
| • Ashwaubenon | • Manitowoc Golden K |
| • Barron | • Marshfield |
| • Chilton | • Mineral Point |
| • Dodgeville | • New Richmond |
| • Eau Claire | • Port Washington |
| • Escanaba | • Portage |
| • Greater East Troy | • Ripon Early Birds |
| • Green Bay | • Sheboygan Falls |
| • Ishpeming (tentative) | • Waukesha |
| | • Wild Rose |



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KIWANIS DISTRICT FOUNDATION**



Nurture the future

JUNE 21-24

Kiwanis
CONVENTION 2023
MINNEAPOLIS

Join us at the 2023 Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis. Find more information and register online at www.kiwanis.org/convention/2023-convention.

HOTEL AND DISTRICT DINNER INFORMATION AT THE KI CONVENTION

Submitted by Justin Hahn, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director

This year's Kiwanis International Convention will take place from June 21-24 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We may never have an international convention this close to home again. Utilize the convention to cultivate skills, learn ways of coaching, discover service projects and explore ways to prepare young leaders for the future.

I wanted to share with you some evolving data on room rate comparisons for Minneapolis that are important to keep in mind. Standard room rates for many of our convention hotels are two to three times our Kiwanis-negotiated rates; this is mostly due to some high-profile events that will be occurring within the city at the same time. Several of our hotel blocks are sold out as well.

Important points you may wish to consider:

- Members need to register and book hotels as early as possible while we still have availability within our Kiwanis District Convention-reserved blocks.
- It is likely we will have difficulty adding additional rooms at the last minute to specific hotels, if asked.
- Once unused room inventory is released to the public on June 1, hotel accommodations will come at a premium price for those booking at that time.

So, long story short...if you are interested in attending, or if you are already registered, book your room **now** before the Kiwanis convention block is sold out!

DISTRICT DINNER

Every year at the international convention, the WI-UM Kiwanis hosts a district dinner. This is an opportunity for members of our district to come together and enjoy each other's company with some fine food. Since the convention is in Minneapolis this year – an hour or less drive for a nucleus of our clubs – all are invited, even if you are not attending the convention.

We are fortunate to have connected with an amazing restaurant from one of our own members. On Friday June 23rd at 6 pm, join your fellow Kiwanis members for a three-course family-style dinner at the one and only Manny's Steakhouse. Named one of America's Top 10 steakhouses, this will be an unforgettable experience complete with a double porterhouse and baked salmon topped with king crab.

Only 50 dinner tickets are available, so be sure to register now! [Visit this link for more details and to register.](#)

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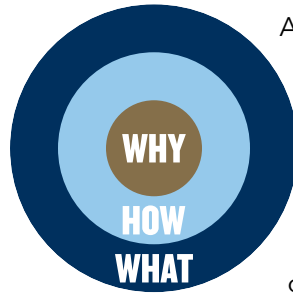
MASTER CLUB COACH ASKS WHY KIWANIS (HOW AND WHAT, TOO)

Submitted by Alan Arbuckle, WI-UM Kiwanis District Master Club Coach

Author and inspirational speaker, Simon Sinek, has advanced the idea that organizations should “Start with Why”. Sinek says that every person in every organization knows what they do. Some know how they do it. But too few know why they do it. He says, people don’t buy what you do, they buy why you do it.”

Luckily, in Kiwanis, every member should be aware that of the Kiwanis motto “Serving the Children of the World”. It is our **Why**.

Kiwanians proudly point to sponsoring Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) like Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, Circle K and Aktion Club. Kiwanians promote reading with book giveaways, Kiwanis ‘n Cops ‘n Kids, and by members reading to children. We have bike safety fairs, child car seat projects and bike helmet projects. Some clubs celebrate holidays with parties and egg hunts. Clubs support district foundations and the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. Kiwanis members, literally, have hundreds of projects for kids. It is **What** we do.



So **How** do we do **What** we do, to fulfill our **Why**? What is our purpose and our reason for existing? We need a **robust** membership that understands the need for a culture of growth. “More hands make light work” as the saying goes. Kiwanis loses members every year. Given the average age of members, that is understandable.

Also, members move, change jobs or retire. Some can’t find the time. Unfortunately, some lose interest in the club if it isn’t doing projects that inspire them or if they feel they aren’t appreciated for their efforts. I hate to say this but, some clubs have poor leadership or toxic members. Poor leadership can be fixed with education and attendance at division, district or international events. Toxic clubs are a lot more difficult to improve. It can take years to address those issues. Membership growth is needed to offset our unavoidable losses. Get in the habit of bringing in new members.

Raising money is another **How**. Yes, fundraising is important, but it is not our **Why**. More money allows Kiwanis clubs to do more good. Some clubs are best known for their fundraising. Pancake breakfasts, golf outings, beer tents, and other fundraising efforts bring in a lot of dough. Worldwide, Kiwanis clubs raise \$100 million every year.

But, Kiwanis is really known, however, for its hands-on service. Although we may give scholarships, sponsor scouts or Boys & Girls Clubs, and buy equipment for sports and parks, it shouldn’t be the only focus of clubs. We are a community service organization with a focus to serve children. “Check-writing clubs” (as they have been called) can struggle to keep members engaged. Seeing kids smile motivates Kiwanians like no other thing. We know well our **Why** and our **What**. Let’s not let our **How** get in the way of our mission.

Master Club Coach and 2018-2019 Illinois-Eastern Iowa Kiwanis District Governor Alan Arbuckle can be reached at 719-502-7853 or ajarbuckle@yahoo.com.



FIFTH ANNUAL FOX CITIES KIDZ EXPO DRAWS OVER 4,000 ATTENDEES

Submitted by Jay Stephany, Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club

The Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club, in partnership with Northshore Bank, welcomed more than 4,000 attendees to the Fifth Annual Fox Cities Kidz Expo held April 15th in downtown Appleton. This year's theme "A Day in Motion," was chosen to create a welcoming environment that provides a combination of recreation and education while promoting family bonding and togetherness. The club's vision was that the "Day in Motion" theme would afford the opportunity to promote other local businesses and family resources and give back to the community by offering a free, family-friendly event.



A martial arts demonstration amazed onlookers at the Fifth Annual Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Kidz Expo.



Police officers participated in the Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids program at the Fifth Annual Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club's Kidz Expo.

This year the Fox Cities Kidz Expo provided more than 70 activity booths, displays and activities, mascots, balloon artists, community service vehicles, food concessions and face painters that engaged with attendees during the event, and an entertainment stage that was active with demonstrations, music, magic, dancing and fun. Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids Program readings were scheduled to connect attendees to other Kiwanis-branded children-focused initiatives.

The goal of the Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club when the Kidz Expo was created was to provide a free event for families that was educational, fun and adventurous and that goal was achieved again this year. The club believes that the Fox Cities Kidz Expo is becoming an established part of the fabric of the community, and club members look forward to providing the event again in 2024.

For more information on this year's event, visit the event website at www.FoxCitiesKidzExpo.com or check the event out on Facebook at "Fox Cities Kidz Expo".



Face painting was a big hit among those in attendance at the Kidz Expo.

PARENT OF CHILD WHO RECEIVED IPAD BLOGS HER SON'S STORY

Submitted by Dan Weninger, Fond du Lac Lakeside Kiwanis Club

The Fond du Lac Lakeside Kiwanis Club has been providing iPads to children on the autism spectrum since 2012-2013. Kiwanis District Governor Lynn Messer identified this mission as his Governor's Project. Club members recently gave an iPad and protective case to Alex Altman. His mom, Heather Altman, writes a blog focused on the ups and downs of raising a non-verbal child on the autism spectrum. What follows is a recent entry in her blog, edited slightly for accuracy:

Today was a very special day for Alex. The Lakeside Evening Kiwanis club presented him with a new iPad and case. Alex's iPad was struggling to hold its charge for the entire day and since that is his voice, it's crucial it stays fully charged.

The club's biggest fundraiser is during Walleye Weekend in Fond du Lac, serving the world's largest fish fry. All profits go back into the community to help support programs like the Kiwanis Autism Project, which provides iPads to children on the autism spectrum. So kids like Alex have the ability to be heard and communicate no matter what verbal speech capabilities they may have!

Lakeside Evening Kiwanis Club president Kurt Krueger and secretary Dan Weninger are always looking for volunteers – especially during Walleye Weekend, slated for June 9-11, 2023.

If you are interested in volunteering or to help be a part of this great cause that helps so many in the community,



Fond du Lac Lakeside Kiwanis member Dan Weninger, right, gives an iPad to a young student who will use it to communicate with others.

as well as amazing kiddos like Alex, please reach out to Kiwanis Club President Kurt Krueger at 920-979-9484 or visit www.LakesideKiwanis.org.

Thank you so much, Lakeside Evening Kiwanis Club, for helping Alex continue to have his voice be heard and have the ability to communicate his wants and needs!

Always remember that "what you do matters."

Sincerely, Heather Altman

TWERKING IS ACTUALLY IN THE DICTIONARY NOW.



KIDS NEED KIWANIS

KIWANIS 'N COPS 'N KIDS IS IN FULL SWING IN OCALA, FLORIDA

Submitted by Jean Long Manteufel, Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids District Signature Project Chair

2019-2020 Kiwanis District Governor Jean Long Manteufel created the Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids program as her Governor's Project. Jean was searching for a service project in which all Kiwanis clubs could participate, even during the pandemic. She wanted it to be low cost because many club fundraisers were canceled due to COVID-19. And, she wanted it to involve the Kiwanis mission of serving the children of the world. The project she envisioned did all that and it helps build community.

Recently, the Kiwanis District Governor in Florida launched Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids in the Sunshine State. What follows is a report from a club in Ocala, Florida:



Children were very excited to receive a book of their very own!

The children also received a new book to take home. And thanks to our Reading is Fundamental program, more than 700 books were distributed.

It is truly a blessing to be a part of this wonderful program, and I look forward to promoting literacy and continuing to be a part of building community relations between our children and the police department.

*In Kiwanis service,
Jolynn Rathel, Literacy Outreach Advocate*



Police officers Joseph Tussey and Anthony Fogarty read books to children at Wyomina Elementary School in Ocala, Florida.

The Kiwanis of Ocala kicked off our first Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids program on March 6, 2023 at Wyomina Park Elementary School. Club members combined the Reading is Fundamental book distribution with Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids and it was a huge success!

The children enjoyed having a book on "Courage" read to them by officers from the Ocala Police Department.



Positive interactions with police officers help build trust so that if children are in an emergency situation, they are less afraid.

WINTER GALA PUTS THE FUN IN FUNDRAISER IN SLINGER, WISCONSIN

Submitted by Desiree Rahmlow, Kiwanis Club of Slinger

Four years ago, a small group of middle-aged community members, nearly all with their own school-aged children and full-time jobs, wanted to give back to the Village of Slinger through service work for kids. Upon learning how to form an official Kiwanis club and gaining the interest of 33 community members, the Kiwanis Club of Slinger was established on March 21, 2019.

In the first year of existence, the club made collaborative connections with the Slinger School District, the Slinger Community Library and the Village of Slinger Parks and Recreation Department. And then COVID-19 came, one week prior to the club's one-year anniversary. Thereafter, members spent two years trying, like the rest of the world, to figure out how to do good work differently.

Throughout the club's second year, members stayed focused on finding "safe" ways to keep kids as its compass and subsequently adopted the care taking duties of four "little free libraries" within the school district (plus built another one). Getting self-serve books in the hands of kids during lock-down was a huge need!

The club also committed to planning for the future by brainstorming possibilities for an annual signature project – and that's how the Slinger Kiwanis Winter Gala was born. This event came to life in a welcomed, post-



Kiwanis Club of Slinger members enjoyed volunteering while raising money at the club's second annual Winter Gala.

pandemic way for adults to support charity for children via "an evening without kids, for the love of kids."

And – given its formal attire atmosphere and fun-filled program including live music, catered dinner, a silent auction, a 50-50 raffle and blackjack tables – a one-of-a-kind night out was guaranteed. The inaugural Winter Gala, held at the historic Chandelier Ballroom of Hartford in February of 2022, raised \$16,500 for the Slinger Parks and Recreation Department to install all-weather cornhole and ping pong games at Rotary Park, an improvement project long in the making.

Hearing positive feedback from 2022 Gala guests, the Slinger Kiwanis Club set its sights on preparing for 2023. The Slinger Community Library was chosen to benefit from the 2023 gala. The club wants to help kids develop a love of reading so members implemented a Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids Reading Program during the past year.

With book-themed decor and desserts, this year's Winter Gala was the destination of more than 280 library supporters, who contributed \$29,000 to help fund a new youth room in the Slinger Community Library.

The Kiwanis Club of Slinger is proud of its progress and is confident that the club will only get stronger in its service work because kids need Kiwanis!



Blackjack was just one of the many fun offerings at the Kiwanis Club of Slinger's Winter Gala.



Bavarian-style costumes were featured at the West Bend Noon Kiwanis German Night event held March 31st.

GERMAN NIGHT IS A TIME-HONORED KIWANIS TRADITION IN WEST BEND

Submitted by Peter Grimm, Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis Club

The West Bend Noon Kiwanis Club held its German Night on March 31, 2023. This longstanding event is a time-honored tradition in West Bend, with many members from other Kiwanis clubs in attendance.

The menu included rouladen, spaetzle and other German favorites, a lively band and Bavarian dancers dressed in traditional garb. Those in attendance sampled beer and were afforded the opportunity to help the West Bend Noon Club raise funds in support of outreach efforts.

2022-2023 District Governor Bill Abbott attended, as did 2021-2022 District Governor Larry Koziol. Four members from the Fond du Lac Noon Club made the journey to West Bend which qualified for an interclub.

"Plan to attend next year! It's always a great time and it's for a great cause," says Peter Grimm, a member of the Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis Club who attended the event.



2021-2022 District Governor Larry Koziol (left), was joined by Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis Club members and 2022-2023 District Governor Bill Abbott (third from left) at the West Bend Noon Kiwanis German Night.

21ST KIWI OPEN GOLF OUTING PLANNED FOR JUNE 7TH IN MILWAUKEE

Submitted by Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee

The Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee Foundation's annual Kiwi Open Fundraising Golf Outing will take place on June 7th at Western Lakes Golf Club, W287 N1963 Oakton Road, Pewaukee, Wisconsin. The four-person event opens with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. with dinner to follow.



Your support helps the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee provide outreach efforts and deliver many community service projects.

For details or to sign up, call 414-276-1331 or email kiwanismkefoundation@gmail.com.

MENASHA KEY CLUB LEADERS LOOK TO “SHOE US SOME LOVE”

Submitted by Jay Stephany, Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club

Ryan Johnson and Taylor Kolasinski, members of the Menasha High School Key Club, created a shoe drive fundraiser this past February. Their goal was to have 2,500 pairs of new or gently-used shoes donated which will be sent to developing countries.

The shoe donations will help recipients earn money to get out of poverty and help children attend school. This is beneficial for many countries who are less fortunate while also decreasing the number of shoes that end up in landfills by giving them a second life.

Ryan and Taylor recently visited the Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club, which sponsors the Key Club, and they left the meeting with 162 pairs of donated shoes. The Appleton-Fox Cities donation, together with the shoes donated previously, totaled 2,100 pairs of shoes. That put the Key Club within reach of their goal of 2,500 pairs.

As members of Menasha High School Key Club, Ryan and Taylor signify the power of Kiwanis by learning how



Menasha High School Key Club members Taylor Kolasinski and Ryan Johnson have collected 2,100 pairs of shoes to donate to developing countries to help recipients earn money to get out of poverty and help children attend school.

to lead and stand for what's right through service and volunteerism. The Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club is proud to support eight sponsored leadership programs.

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A close-up photograph of a young boy with dark skin and curly hair, wearing blue-rimmed glasses and a yellow shirt. He is looking slightly to the side with a thoughtful expression. Overlaid on the bottom left of the image is the text 'THE WORLD IS CHANGING FASTER THAN HIS VOICE.' in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom right is the Kiwanis International logo. At the bottom left, in small white text, it says: 'Our 600,000 members are present for the future. Giving kids around the world the time and support they need to ensure the world's best years are ahead of us. Get involved at Kiwanis.org.'



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